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PROF. GEORGE LENCZOWSKI ASKS THAT FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE PASSED TO PROF. EDWARD J. MITCHELL, AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE, 1150 SEVENTEENTH ST., N.W. WASHINGTON D.C.
BEGIN QUOTE

PLEASE INFORM WILLIAM BAROODY, MELVIN LAIRD AND ROBERT PRANGER AS FOLLOWS: YESTERDAY NOON DURING BRIEF STOPOVER IN KUWAIT I ASKED AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS TO INTERCEDE WITH OIL MINISTER ATTIGI TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND OCTOBER OIL CONFERENCE. TIME WAS TOO SHORT FOR ME TO CONTACT ATTIGI PERSONALLY. STOLTZFUS PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST BUT POINTED OUT THAT DUE TO DIFFEERENCE ON OIL MATTERS BETWEEN KUWAIT AND SAUDI ARABIA ATTIGI MAY BE RELUCTANT TO AIR HIS VIEWS PUBLICLY IN WASHINGTON AND THUS AGGRAVATE KUWAITI-SAUDI RELATIONS. MOREOVER,APPARENTLY ATTIGI DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND THE LATE SEPTEMBER IMF MEETING, HENCE LIKELIHOOD OF HIS COMING TO WASHINGTON ESPECIALLY FOR OUR CONFERENCE IF FURTHER DIMINISHED. STOLTZFUS SUGGESTED THAT IN CASE OF ATTIGI'S REFUSAL WE MIGHT CONSIDER INVITING ONE OF THE MOST ABLE AND ARTICULAT
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KUWAITIS, ABDUL LATIF AL-HAMED, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF KUWAIT FUND FOR ARAB ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, A HOLDER OF HARVARD GRADUATE DEGREE. BECAUSE OF TIME ELEMENT I SUGGEST THAT A TELEGRAM BE SENT TO ATTIGI
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FOLLOWING LAIRD'S INITIAL LETTER AND THAT IN CASE OF HIS

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REFUSAL, HAMED BE INVITED BY TELEGRAM.

2. IN A FEW DAYS I WILL BE IN JIDDA AND POSSIBLY TAIF AND WILL
PURSUE MATTER OF CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION WITH YAMANI AND TAHER
PROVIDED THEY ARE IN SAUDI ARABIA.

3. TWO DAYS AGO IN TEHRAN I DISCUSSED OUR FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE
WITH AMBASSADOR HELMS. HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT IT WOULD BE
DESIRABLE TO INCLUDE A HIGH-RANKING IRANIAN REPRESENTATIVE IN IT
OR AT LEAST TO EXTEND AN INVITATION SO THAT WE WOULD NOT BE ON
RECORD AS IGNORING IRAN. PERSONALLY, I BELIEVE THAT IRANIAN PRESENCE
WOULD ENHANCE VALUE OF CONFERENCE ALTHOUGH I REALIZE THAT A CLASH
BETWEEN IRANIAN AND SAUDI PARTICIPANTS MIGHT OCCUR. PLEASE GIVE
MORE THOUGHT TO THIS SUGGESTION. IF YOU DECIDE TO INCLUDE IRAN,
I STRONGLY URGE THAT FORMER FINANCE MINISTER CURRENTLY INTERIOR
MINISTER AND OPEC CHAIRMAN, DR. JAMSHID AMUZEGAR BE INVITED.
BOTH THE SHAH AND AMUZEGAR KNOW OF THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE
AND IN FACT EXPECT ME TO CLARIFY IRAN'S POSITION. IF AMUZEGAR IS
INVITED, HE SHOULD BE GIVEN IN SOME WAY AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO
YAMANI TO PRESENT HIS VIEWS. MOREOVER, IF SUCH INVITATION IS EXTENDED
,
AMUZEGAR SHOULD BE INFORMED WHO OTHER PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING
SECRETARY SIMON, ARE SO AS TO AVOID ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING.
IN SUCH A CASE, PLEASE ALSO INFORM ME VIA AMBASSADOR AKINS IN
JIDDA UP TO SEPTEMBER FOURTH SO THAT IN MY EXPECTED CONVERSATION
WITH YAMANI I WOULD BE AWARE OF YOUR DECISION. BECAUSE OF THE
DELICATE STATE OF SAUDI-IRANIAN RELATIONS SUCH A COMMUNICATION
SHOULD BE SENT VIA STATE DEPT. FACILITIES AND NOT IN AN OPEN
TELEGRAM. BEST WISHES.
END QUOTE
BAHTI

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